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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5549

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION

REF: STATE 175357

1. WE CONTACTED ATHENS SALES MANAGER OF MEA WHO TOLD US:

A. MEA, AND HE ASSUMED OTHER AIRLINES AS WELL, UNWILLING REPEAT UNWILLING TO FLY INTO OR OVER LEBANON BECAUSE OF LACK OF INSURANCE COVERAGE. LLOYDS OF LONDON WILL NOT INSURE FOR SUCH FLIGHTS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT INSURANCE IS ONLY PROBLEM. AIRCRAFT ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER ON APPROXIMATELY 24-HOUR NOTICE.

B. BOEING 720: CAPACITY: 119 PASSENGERS, EACH CARRY-
ING 25 KG OF LUGGAGE, PLUS 2 TONS CARGO IN AIRCRAFT
CARGO COMPARTMENT; COST: APPROXIMATELY \$2,200 PER HOUR
COMPUTED ON BLOCK TIME, I.E., TAXI ROLL TO TAXI STOP.

C. BOEING 707: CAPACITY: 147 PASSENGERS, EACH CARRY-
ING 25 KG, PLUS 3 TONS CARGO; COST: APPROXIMATELY
\$2,800 PER HOUR BLOCK TIME.

D. POINT OF ORIGIN FOR COST COMPUTATION WOULD BE NO
MORE DISTANT FROM BEIRUT THAN ATHENS. ROUND-TRIP COST
SHOULD BE COMPUTED ON BASIS OF FOUR HOURS.

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E. EACH AIRCRAFT CARRIES MAXIMUM OF TEN CREW.

2. WE DID NOT, REPEAT NOT, RAISE ALTERNATIVES TO
LLOYD'S INSURANCE COVERAGE. KUBISCH

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